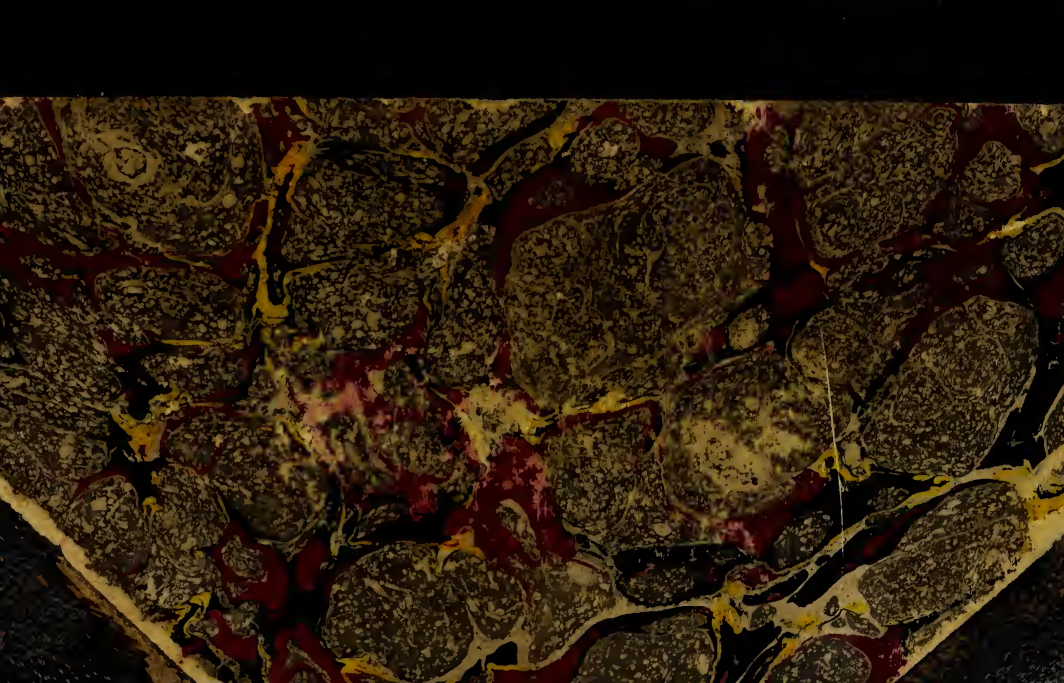


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MANUAL

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ALBEMARLE,

CONTAINING

Its History, Roll of Ministers, Roll of Churches Officers, Agents, Committees. Standing Rules, together with Rules of Parliamentary Order,

ADOPTED BY PRESBYTERY

AT

GRASSY CREEK,

Sept. 10th, 1892. - Published April, 1893.

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HISTORY
—OF—
ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

In 1888 the missionary field of Orange Presbytery was about twice as large as the entire Missionary territory of the other four Presbyteries in the Synod of North Carolina. Much good work was done by this Mother Presbytery; and the earnest explorations disclosed many inviting open doors for larger needed work in saving immortal souls. Oppressed by the unequal burden, at its session in Rocky Mount in October, 1888, Orange Presbytery sent a "Memorial" to the Synod pleading for relief, and suggesting several possible methods.

CONVENTION.

A Convention of Ministers and Elders met in Goldsboro, N. C., one day before the Synod, and sent to that Court recom-

mendations in the interests of Home Missions.

SYNOD'S ACTION AT GOLDSBORO.

The Synod convened in Goldsboro, October 24th, 1888, and carefully considered the important papers submitted; appointed a Committee on Evangelistic Labor, and referred to it the question of re-distribution of the Territory of Synod.

A NEW PRESBYTERY RECOMMENDED.

This Committee held its first meeting in December, 1888, in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, N. C., and adopted a Recommendation to Synod, proposing the organization of a new Presbytery of the eastern portion of Orange. After considerable debate over this paper in the succeeding meetings of the Presbyteries, the Committee's Recommendations were slightly changed, and then presented to the Synod at its session in Charlotte, N. C., October, 1889.

SYNOD'S RESOLUTIONS AT CHARLOTTE.

Synod then took the following action: 1.—That the portion of Orange Presbytery lying east of the Western boundary of Granville and of Wake counties, be erected into a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of..... and that Synod pledge to said Presbytery the time of one Evangelist for six months in each year for five years, and $500 a year for its General Home Mission work for the same period.

2.—That Goldsboro be transferred from Wilmington Presbytery, and that portion of Craven county south of Trent River be transferred to Wilmington so that the Southern boundary of the new Presbytery shall be as follows: Along the Southern boundary of Wake and of Johnston counties to the Neuse river; thence along the Neuse to the Northern boundary of Jones county; thence along the Northern boundary of Jones county to Trent River; thence

along the Trent to the Neuse, and along the Neuse, to the Ocean.

A special committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. F. H. Johnston, L. C, Vass and ruling elder James L. Fowle, was appointed by Synod to formulate and recommend the order of procedure in constituting the new Presbytery, and they presented the following paper, which was adopted.

1—That the new Presbytery be called the Presbytery of Albemarle, composed of the following ministers: viz;

Robt. Burwell, D. D.; George W, Ferrill; J. M. Atkinson, D. D; L. C. Vass, D. D; J. S. Watkins, D. D; J. N. H. Summerell; S. H. Isler; Alexander Sprunt; Carr Moore, R; P. Pell; J. B. Swann; J. C. McMullen and W. D. Morton.—13. And comprising the following churches: Oakland, Raleigh First Church, Raleigh Second Church, Louisburg, Henderson, Oxford, Geneva, Oak Hill, Shiloh, Grassy Creek, Nut Bush. Warrenton, Tarboro, Nahalah, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Newbern, La Grange, Littleton, Washing-

ton, Goldsboro, and Cann Memorial—22.

2.—That this Presbytery be directed to hold its first meeting in Goldsboro, N. C. on Wednesday, November 20th, 1889, at 7.30 p. m., and that Rev. Dr. Atkinson, with Dr. Vass as alternate, preach the opening sermon, and act as Moderator until a Moderator be chosen.

BOUNDARY.

The boundary lines of the Albemarle Presbytery are as follows:

On the North: The State line from the Atlantic Ocean to the Western border of Granville county.

On the West: The Western boundaries of Granville and Wake counties.

On the South: The Southern border of Wake county, and along the Southern and Eastern borders of Johnston county to the Neuse River, and thence along the Neuse River, through Wayne and Lenoir counties, to the Northern boundary of Jones county, and that Northern border to the Trent River,

thence along the Trent River to the Neuse river, and along the Neuse to the Ocean.

On the East: The Atlantic Ocean.

COUNTIES.

Within these limits are included the following thirty-one (31) counties: viz:

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Craven, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson.

At the Constitution of Albemarle Presbytery, there was no Presbyterian organization in any of the following seventeen, of the counties above named, viz: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Franklin*, Gates, Greene; Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pamlico, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, and Washington.

* Louisburg is in Franklin County, but the church existed only in name. No session, one member.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

Date of Ordination, the Ordaining Presbytery. Address and Charge while in the Presbytery.

1. Robert Burwell, D. D.,.Raleigh, N. C.
Ordained, *West Hanover*, Nov. 27th, 1830.
[Since April, 1891 without charge. *Stated Supply*—infirm.]

2. George W. Ferrill, Tally Ho, N. C.
Ordained, *Orange*, Nov. 5th, 1831.
Without charge—Infirm.
[Died June 22nd, 1891.]

3 J. M. Atkinson, D. D., Raleigh, N C.
Ordained *Winchester*, April 20th, 1845.
Raleigh Second Church, *Pastor.*
[Since April 1890. *Stated Supply*, Warrenton, Littleton, and Geneva. Died at Warrenton March 6th, 1891.]

4 Lachlan C. Vass, D. D., Newbern, N. C.
Ordained *West Hanover*, April 19th, 1861.
Newbern, *Pastor.*
[Dismissed to *Savannah* Nov 14th, 1890.]

5 John S. Watkins, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.
Ordained, *Roanoke*, July 6th 1872.
Raleigh First Church, *Pastor.*
[Dismissed to *Enoree*, Feby. 2nd, 1892.]

6 J. N. Howard Summerell, Tarboro, N. C.
Ordained, *Concord*, May 29th, 1881.
Tarboro, *Pastor*, Pitt County *Evangelist.*

7 Simmons H. Isler, Goldsboro, N. C.
Ordained, *Fayetteville*, Apr, 10th, 1862.
Doing general Evangelistic work in and around Goldsboro.

8. Alexander Sprunt, Henderson, N. C.
Ordained, *Winchester*, Nov. 8th, 1878.
Henderson *Pastor.*
[Resigned July 10th, 1891, to accept Superintendency *Synodical Home Missions.* Dismissed to *Bethel*, Oct. 26th, 1892.]

9 Carr Moore, Townesville, N. C.
Ordained *Orange*, Oct. 10th, 1885.
Nut Bush, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill, Shiloh *Pastor.*
[Resigned pastorate of Shiloh, May 27th 1892.]

10 Robert P. Pell, Wilson, N. C.
Ordained (Evangelist) *Orange*, Sept. 2nd. 1887.
Wilson, Rocky Mount, *Evangelist.* Elected Synodical Evangelist May, 1891.
[Dismissed to *Concord*, Nov. 10th, 1891.]

11 John B. Swann, Scotland Neck, N. C.
Ordained (Evangelist) *Orange*, Sept. 29th. 1889.
Nahalah--Roanoke field, *Evangelist.*
[Dismissed to *Bethel*, May 27th, 1892]

12 John C. McMullen, Goldsboro, N. C.
Ordained *Bethel*, April 5th, 1879.
Goldsboro, *Pastor.*
[Resigned April 1st, 1891 to accept as Synodical Evangelist. Dismissed to *Bethel*, Oct. 20th, 1891.]

13 Wm. D. Morton, Raleigh, N, C.
Ordained *Muhlenburg*, Dec. 11th, 1869.,
General Evangelist of the Synod of N. C. October, 1889.
[Accepted pastorate of Henderson Church, Oct., 1891.]

14 Edward Mack, Washington N. C.
Ordained, *Albemarle*, Nov. 22nd, 1889.
Washington, *Pastor.*
[Resigned Feb. 15th, 1890. Studied in Germany eighteen months. Supply of Goldsboro Church, six months. Dismissed *to Mecklenburg*, April 5th, 1892.)

15 Frontis H. Johnston, D. D., Elizabeth City, N. C.
Ordained *Orange*, July 31st, 1859.
Cann Memorial, *Evangelist.*

16 E. E. Bigger, Washington, N. C.
Ordained *North Mississippi*, April 11th, 1879.
Washington, *Pastor.*

17 Joseph Rennie, Oxford, N. C.
Ordained *Roanoke*, June 24th, 1888.
Oxford, *Pastor.*
[Dismissed to *Louisville*, Aug. 4th, 1892.]

18 C. G. Vardell, New Bern, N. C.
Ordained *Albemarle*, June 21st, 1891.
Newbern, Pastor.

19 A. J. McKelway, Smithfield, N. C.
Ordained, (Evangelist) *Albemarle*, June 28th, 1891.
Johnston county *Evangelist.*
[Dismissed to *Fayetteville*, Feb. 2nd, 1892.]

20 A. H. McArn, Wilson, N. C.
Ordained (Evangelist.) *Albemarle*, July 19th, 1891.
Wilson--La Grange, *Evangelist.*
[Dismissed to *Pee Dee* Jan. 5th, 1893.]

21. Fred D. Thomas, Warrenton, N. C.
Ordained (Evangelist) *Albemarle*, Dec. 13th. 1891.
Warrenton, Louisburg, Geneva, *Evangelist.*
[Accepted work at Littleton, Nov. 1892. Resigned Warrenton, Louisburg and Geneva to take charge at Rocky Mount, Feb., 1893.]

22. J. E. L. Winecoff, La Grange. N. C.
Ordained *Potosi*, Sep. 18th, 1891.
La Grange, Dover, Kinston, Nahalah, *Evangelist.*

23 Eugene Daniel, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.
Ordained *Ouachita*, Oct. 15th, 1871.
Raleigh First Church, *Pastor.*

24 Jonas Barclay, Goldsboro, N. C.
Ordained, *Mecklenburg*, May 15th, 1891.
Goldsboro, *Pastor.*

HISTORICAL ROLL OF MINISTERS.

(From Formation to Date)

Entered,		Left.
1889	Robert Burwell, *Orange*.....	
"	George W. Ferrill, *Orange*.....	*1891
"	Joseph M. Atkinson, *Orange*.....	*1891
"	Lachlan C. Vass, *Orange*.....	1890
"	John S. Watkins, *Orange*.....	1892
"	J. N. H. Summerell *Orange*.....	
"	Simmons H. Isler, *Orange*.....	
"	Alexander Sprunt, *Orange*.....	1892
"	Carr Moore, *Orange*.....	
"	Robert P. Pell, *Orange*.....	1891
"	John B. Swann, *Orange*.....	1892
"	John C. McMullen *Wilmington*...	1891
"	William D. Morton, *Orange*.....	
"	Edward Mack.....	1892
1890	F. Howe Johnston, *Orange*.....	
1891	Joseph Rennie, *Roanoke*.....	1892
"	Eugene E. Bigger, *Ebenezer*.....	
"	Charles G. Vardell.....	
"	A. J. McKelway.....	1992
"	A. H. McArn.....	1893
"	Fred D. Thomas,.....	
1892	J. E. L. Winecoff, *Potosi*.....	
"	Eugene Daniel, *Memphis*.....	
1893	Jonas Barclay, *Mecklenburg*.....	

* Deceased

LICENTIATES.

1 Edward Mack, Washington, N. C.
Licensed *Bethel*, April 9th, 1888.
Received Nov. 20th, 1889.
Ordained Nov. 22nd, 1889.

2. George A. Sparrow, Franklin, N. C.
Licensed *Albemarle*, Feb. 13th, 1890.
Dismissed to *Mecklenburg*, Oct. 22nd, 1890.

3 Chas. G. Vardell, Newbern, N. C.
Licensed *New Brunswick*, April 21, 1891.
Ordained *Albemarle*, June 21st, 1881.

4. A. J. McKelway, Smithfield, N. C.
Licensed, *Roanoke*, Apr. 26th, 1890.
Ordained, *Albemarle*, June 28th, 1891.

5. A. H. McArn, Wilson, N. C.
Licensed, *Fayetteville*, May 22nd, 1891.
Ordained, *Albemarle*, July 18th, 1891.

6. Fred D. Thomas, Warrenton, N. C.
Licensed, *Lexington*, Oct. 17th, 1890,
Ordained, *Albemarle*, Dec. 13th, 1891.

ROLL OF LICENTIATES.

1889. Edward Mack, *Bethel*,
Ordained Nov. 22nd, 1889.

1890. Geo. A. Sparrow,
Transferred. *Mecklenburg*, 1890.

1891. Chas G. Vardell, *New Brunswick*,
Ordained June 21st, 1891.

1891. A. J. McKelway, *Roanoke.*
Ordained June 28th, 1891.

1891. A. H. McArn, *Fayetteville.*
Ordained July 18th, 1891.

1891. Fred. D. Thomas, *Lexington*,
Ordained Dec. 13th, 1891.

CANDIDATES.

1. Wm. Cawthorne, (Col.) Warrenton church
Received by *Orange*, June 4th, 1881.
Discontinued April 6th, 1892.

2. Adolpheus Whitfield Cheatham, Henderson church.
Received by *Orange*, June 17th, 1887.
At Princeton, (1892).

3. Fred. D. Thomas, —— Newbern church.
Received by *Orange*, Oct. 19th, 1888.
Transferred to *Lafayette*, June 13th, 1890.

4. Jno. L. Hale, —— Wilson church.
Received Feb. 11th, 1890.
At Preparatory School (1892).

5. Jas. Wallace Smith, —Goldsboro church.
Received Feb. 27th, 1890.
Discontinued Sept. 10th, 1892.

6. James Thomas, Newbern church.
Received Aug. 22nd, 1890.
At Princeton (1892).

7. Percy Bridgers, Kenley church.
Received Sept. 21st, 1891.
At Preparatory School (1892).

8. Thomas Watts, Raleigh First church.
Received Dec. 12th, 1891.
At Preparatory School (1892.)

9. H. Dockery Brown. Tarboro church.
Received Apr. 6th, 1892.
At Davidson College (1892.)

10. Jno. Stanley Thomas, Newbern church.
Received Sept. 8th, 1892.
At Princeton (1892.)

11. R. W. Hines, Grassy Creek church.
Received Sept. 8th, 1892.
At Union Seminary (1892.)

ROLL OF CHURCHES

According to Organization, with name and address of Minister and Clerk of Session.

1. Grassy Creek, Granville County, 1750.
Rev. Carr Moore, *Pastor*, Townesville, N. C.
W. R. Daniel, *Clerk*, Stovall, N. C.

2. Nut Bush, Vance County, 1757.
Rev. Carr Moore, *Pastor*, Townesville, N. C.
Walter Bullock, *Clerk*, Williamsboro, N. C.

3. Newbern, Craven County, 1807.
Rev. C. G. Vardell, *Pastor*, Newbern, N. C.
C. E. Foy, *Clerk*, Newbern, N. C.

4. Raleigh First, Wake County, 1810.
Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., *Pastor*, Raleigh, N. C.
Wm. S. Primrose, *Clerk*, Raleigh, N. C.

5. Oxford, Granville County, 1818.
Pastor Elect.
M. V. Lanier, *Clerk*, Oxford, N. C.

6. Washington, Beaufort County, 1822.
Rev. E. E. Bigger, *Pastor*, Washington, N. C.
C. M. Brown, *Clerk*, Washington, N. C.

7. Warrenton, Warren County, 1828.
Vacant.
W. B. Crinkley, *Clerk*, Warrenton, N. C.

8. Louisburg, Franklin County, 1832.
[Reorganized Dec, 12. 1891.]
Vacant.
J. P. Webb, *Clerk*, Louisburg, N. C.

9. Shiloh, Granville County, 1832.
Vacant.
J. K. Clement, *Clerk*, Brownesville, N. C.

10. Geneva, Granville County, 1852.
Vacant.
John H. Webb, *Clerk*, Stem, N. C.

11. Goldsboro, Wayne County, 1855.
Rev. Jonas Barclay, *Pastor*, Goldsboro, N.C.
T. B. Hyman, *Clerk*, Goldsboro, N. C.

12, Oakland, Johnston, County, 1858.
Rev. J. A. McMurray, *Evangelist*, Smithfield, N. C.
B. W. Young, *Clerk*, Leachburg, N. C.

13. Oak Hill, Granville County, 1862.
Rev. Carr Moore, *Pastor*, Townesville, N.C.
N. B. Daniel, *Clerk*, Oak Hill, N. C.

14. Henderson, Vance County, 1874.
Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D. *Pastor*, Henderson, N. C.
J. R. Young, *Clerk*, Henderson, N. C.

15. Tarboro, Edgecombe County, 1874.
Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, *Pastor*, Tarboro, N. C.
J. J. Whitehurst, *Clerk*, Tarboro, N. C.

16. Raleigh Second, Wake County, 1877.
Vacant.
No Session.

17. Littleton, Halifax County 1877
Rev. F. D. Thomas, *Evangelist*, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Dr. R. A. Peterson, *Clerk*, Aurelian Springs, N. C.

18. Rocky Mount, Nash County.1879.
Rev. F. D. Thomas, *Pastor Elect*, Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. J. White, *Clerk*, Rocky Mount, N. C.

19. Nahalah, Halifax County, 1880.
Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff, *Evangelist*, La Grange, N. C.
Dr. M. T. Savage, *Clerk*, Scotland Neck, N.C

20. La Grange, Lenoir County, June 3rd, 1883.
Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff, *Evangelist*, La Grange, N. C.
Dr. H. M. McDonald, *Clerk*, La Grange, N.C.

21. Wilson, Wilson County. 1885.
Vacant.
Jno. Hutchinson, *Clerk*, Wilson, N. C.

22. Cann Memorial, Pasquotank County, 1889.
Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D. *Evangelist*, Elizabeth City, N. C.
E. F. Lamb, *Clerk*, Elizabeth City, N. C.

23. Kenley, Johnston County, Dec. 15, 1890.
Rev. Jno. A. McMurray, *Evangelist*, Smithfield
L. R. Land, *Clerk*, Kenley, N. C.

24. Greenville, Pitt County, May 11th, 1890.
Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, *Evangelist*, Tarboro, N. C.
B. D. Evans, *Clerk*, Greenville, N. C.

25. Kinston, Lenoir County, Oct. 18th, 1891.
Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff, *Evangelist*, La Grange, N. C.
Maj. Wm. Payne, *Clerk*. Kinston, N. C.

26. Smithfield, Johnston County, Dec. 20th, 1891.
Rev. J. A. McMurray, *Evangelist*, Smithfield, N. C.
No Session.

Strickland, Nash County, Feb. 18th, 1892.
Vacant.
E. D. Strickland, *Clerk*, Wilson, N. C.

28, Falkland, Pitt County, Nov. 5th, 1892.
Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, *Evangelist*, Tarboro, N. C.
No Session.

29. Olivet, Edgecombe County, Nov. 5th, 1892.
Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, *Evangelist*, Tarboro, N. C.
J. M. Pierce, *Clerk*, Leggett, N. C.

MODERATORS.

DATE.	NAME.	PLACE.
	Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D. D., was appointed by Synod to act as Moderator till one was elected.	
1889. F.	Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D.,	Goldsboro.
1890. S.	Rev. J. C. McMullen,	Raleigh.
1890. F.	Rev. R. P. Pell,	Oakland.
1891 S.	Rev. W. D. Morton, D.D.,	Tarboro.
1891. F.	Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D.,	Rocky Mount.
1892. S.	Rev. Joseph Rennie,	Washington.
1892. F.	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D.,	Grassy Creek.

TREASURERS.

Cann Memorial,	Prof. S. L. Sheep, Elizabeth City, N. C.
Falkland,	C. C. Vines, Falkland, N. C.
Geneva,	Jno. H. Webb, Stem, N. C.
Goldsboro,	E. Edwards, Goldsboro, N. C.
Grassy Creek,	C. F. Marrow, Stovall, N. C.
Greenville,	J. R. Moore, Greenville, N. C.
Henderson,	J. B. Gary, Henderson, N. C.
Kenley,	L. R. Land, Kenley, N. C.
Kinston,	Maj. Wm. Payne, Kinston, N. C.
Littleton,	Thos. W. Hawkins, Littleton, N. C.
Louisburg,	Wm. P. Webb, Louisburg, N. C.
La Grange,	H. M. McDonald, La Grange, N. C
Nahalah,	Colin Gray, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Newbern,	C. L. Ives, Newbern, N. C.
Nutbush,	N. D. Morton, Townesville, N. C.
Oak Hill,	J. W. Morton, Satterwhite, N. C.
Oakland,	B. W. Young, Leechburg, N. C.
Olivet,	B. A. Pearce, Leggett, N. C.
Oxford,	H. G Cooper. Oxford. N. C.
Raleigh First,	Herbert Jackson, Raleigh, N. C.
Raleigh Second,	
Rocky Mount,	H. E. Brewer, Rocky Mount. N. C.
Shiloh.	T. R. Carrington, Bullock, N. C.
Smithfield,	
Strickland.	E. D. Strickland, Wilson, N. C.
Torboro,	Geo. Howard, Jr. Tarboro, N. C.
Warrenton,	Wm. B. Crinkley, Warrenton, N. C.
Washington,	C. M. Brown, Washington, N. C.
Wilson,	Jno. Hutchinson, Wilson, N. C.

PERMANENT OFFICERS.

1. Stated Clerk, J. N. H. Summerell,
 Tarboro, N. C.

2. Treasurer, Jno. B. Watkins,
 Henderson, N. C.

Agents.

1. Home Missions, (Spring and Fall,)
 Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D.,
 Henderson, N. C.

2. Foreign Missions, (Fall,)
 Rev. E. E. Bigger,
 Washington, N. C.

3. Education, (Spring and Fall,)
 Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.,
 Elizabeth City, N. C.

4. Colportage and N. C. Presbyterian, (Fall)
 Rev. Carr Moore,
 Townesville, N. C.

5. Sabbath School, (Spring,)
 Rev. C. G. Vardell,
 Newbern, N. C.

6. Bible Cause, (Spring.)
 Rev. F. D. Thomas,
 Rocky Mount, N. C.

7. Colored Evangelization, (Fall,)
 Rev. Jonas Barclay,
 Goldsboro, N. C.

8. Manses, (Fall,)
 Rev. J. N. H. Summerell,
 Tarboro, N. C.

9. The Sabbath, (Spring,)
 Rev. S. H. Isler,
 Goldsboro, N. C.

10. Orphans' Home,
 J. R. Young,
 Henderson, N. C.

11. Historian, (Fall,)
 Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.,
 Elizabeth City, N.C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

1. Examination of Candidates.

 1. Experimental Religion and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry.—— *The Moderator.*

 2. Literary and Scientific course, Ancient and Modern Geography, Grammar, Rhetoric, Mathematics, General History, Physical Sciences, &c. *Revs. F. H. Johnston, D. D., S. H. Isler, E. E. Bigger.*

 3. Languages (Latin, Greek and Hebrew) Latin Thesis, Greek and other critical Exercises. *Revs. C. G. Vardell, J. E. L Winecoff.*

 4. Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, the Sacraments. *Revs. Robt. Burwell, D. D., J. N. H Summerell, F. D. Thomas.*

 5. Mental and Moral Philosophy, Logic, Natural and Revealed Theology. Revs. W. D. Morton, Carr Moore, F. H. Johnston, D. D.

2. Assessments and Apportionments, *Stated Clerk, Agent of Home Missions, Treasurer.*

TRUSTEES.

1. Presbytery: *Col. J. S. Amis*,
Oxford, N. C.
Mr. Samuel Watkins,
Henderson, N. C.
Mr. T. W. Hawkins,
Littleton, N. C.

2. Davidson College,
Mr. F. S. Royster, Tarboro, N. C.
Term Expires Fall, 1893
Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D., Elizabeth City, N. C.
Term Expires Fall, 1895.

Summary of the First Presbyterial Report to the General Assembly, April 1st, 1890.

Ministers,	14
Licentiates,	1
Candidates,	5
Churches,	22
Elders,	60
Deacons,	45
Added on Examination,	168
Added on Certificate,	53
Total Communicants,	1,575
Adults Baptized,	60
Infants Baptized,	40
Baptized Non-Communicants,	695
Sabbath School Teachers,	156
Sabbath School Scholars,	1,108

Contributions to General Assembly Causes.

1.	Sustentation (Home Missions),	$ 424
2.	Evangelistic,	410
3.	Invalid Fund,	137
4.	Foreign Missions,	973
5.	Education,	167
6.	Publication,	163
7.	Colored Evangelistic,	85
8.	Church Erection,	624
	Presbyterial Fund,	135
	Pastors' Salaries Paid,	7,883
	Congregational,	2,929
	Miscellaneous,	2,335
	Total Money Raised,	$ 16,265

GENERAL DOCKET.

1. Call to order, and open with prayer.
2. Roll Call.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerks.
4. Minutes of last Session read.
5. Hours of Session fixed, or Report of Committee of Arrangements, if there be one.
6. Excuses of Absentees.
7. Appoint the following Standing Committees:

A. AT SPRING MEETING.

1. On Narative to General Assembly and to Synod.
2. On Minutes of Synod.
3. On Systematic Beneficence.
4. On Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties.
5. On Sessional Records (two Committees.)
6. On Statistical Reports from Sessions.
7. On Treasurer's Accounts, and Records of Agent of Home Missions.
8. On Calls and Supplies, and Installations.
9. On Devotional Exercises.

B. AT FALL MEETING.

1. On Statistical Report to Synod.
2. On Minutes of General Assembly.
3. On Treasurer's Report.
4. On Calls. Supplies, and Installations.
5. On Devotional Exercises.

8. Communications.
9. Are there any Calls, Resignations, or letters of Dismission to this Presbytery?
10. Are there any New Condidates?
11. Are there any Candidates to be Examined? if so,
12. Appoint one or more Elders on each of the Examining Committees.
13. Reports of Sessions:
 1. Narrative on State of Religion, (Read and refer) Spring.
 2. Statistical, (Refer) Spring.
 3. On Sessional Duties, (Refer) Spring.
 4. On Systematic Beneficence, (Refer) Spring.
 5. On Sabbath Schools, (Refer) Spring.
14. Reports of Treasurer, Agents, &c.
 1. Treasurer, *Spring*, full—*Fall*, statement.
 2. Agent of Education, *Spring* and *Fall.*
 3. Agent of Home Missions, *Spring* and *Fall*, together with Evangelists' Reports—*Spring* (written)—*Fall* (verbal.)
 4. Sabbath Schools, *Spring.*

5. Agent of Foreign Missions, *Fall.*
6. Agent of Colportage and N. C. Presbyterian, *Fall.*
7. Agent of Colored Evangelization, *Fall.*
8. Agent of Bible Cause, *Spring.*
9. Agent of Sabbath, *Spring.*
10. Agent of Manses, *Fall.*
11. Agent of Orphans' Home, *Fall.*
12. Historian, *Fall.*
13. Trustees of Presbytery. *Fall.*
14. Trustees of Davidson College, *Fall.*
15. Commissioners to General Assembly, *Fall.*
18. Supplies appointed at last meeting.
17. Licentiates, *Spring and Fall.*
18. Committee on Apportionments.
19. Reports of Standing Committees of which the following must be adopted and forwarded to the General Assembly or Synod.
 1. On Narative to General Assembly and to Synod.
 2. Systematic Beneficence.
 3. Statistical Reports.
 4. Sabbath Schools.
15. Elect Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Agents, and Committees, if terms have expired.
16. Elect Evangelists.

17. Nominate Commissioners to General Assembly, *Spring*.
18. Elect Commissioners to General Assembly
19. Report of Special Committees.
20. Roll Call for answsr as to obedience to injunctions.
21. Place and Time of next meeting.
22. Read, Correct, and Approve Minutes.
23. Adjourned with singing. prayer and Benediction.

STANDING RULES OF ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

SECTION I.

Government and Standing Orders.

RULE 1.

The Rules of Parliamentary Order, adopted by our General Assembly, are hereby adopted as Standing Rules for the government of this Presbytery.

RULE 2.

A two-thirds vote of all members present, shall be required to suspend, amend, or abolish a Standing Rule.

RULE 3.

At the Stated Meetings of the Presbytery, each day's session shall be opened with fifteen minutes Devotional Exercises, except on days when public worship has been appointed, then all but the opening prayer may be omitted.

RULE 4.

Whenever a Minister of this Presbytery is removed by death, a committee shall

be appointed to prepare a sketch of his life and character, which shall, after approval, be recorded in a book of Biographical Sketches, kept for that purpose by the Historian.

RULE 5

Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be nominated at least one day before their election. And in obedience to the General Assembly, Presbytery enjoins upon its Commissioners to remain in attendance upon the sessions of the body, till its final adjournment.

RULE 6.

The Naratives sent by the churches to the Spring Meetings of the Presbytery, shall be carefully examined by the Committee on the Narative, who shall endorse upon them their criticisms, and the Naratives and the Criticisms shall be read in open Session, and if Presbytery approve the endorsements, they shall be returned to the churches, that the criticisms may be read to the respective congregations.

SECTION II.

PRESBYTERIAL OFFICERS.

Moderator.

RULE 7.

In choosing a Moderator, the persons to be voted for shall first be nominated. After the nominations are all made, the Roll is to be called by the Stated Clerk, and no person is to be voted for unless he has been previously nominated. A plurality of the votes shall decide the election.

RULE 8.

At each stated meeting, the Moderator shall call on all ministers absent from the previous meetings, to state their reasons for non-attendance. The reasons assigned shall be deemed satisfactory, unless a motion be made to the contrary.

Churches not represented at the previous meeting, shall also be called upon to answer if the appointees rendered satisfactory reasons to their session for absence.

The Moderator's call shall be continued in each case, from meeting to meeting, until reply be made.

PERMANENT OFFICERS.

RULE 9.

The Permanent Officers of the Presbytery shall be a Stated Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at the Spring Meeting, and hold office for three years.

Stated Clerk.

RULE 10.

The Stated Clerk shall keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of Presbytery, and submit the same annually to the Synod for review.

RULE 11.

He shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, such reports as are required by the same, and ordered by Presbytery, at least 10 days, if possible, before the stated meetings of Assembly and Synod.

RULE 12.

At least one week previous to each Stated Meeting of Presbytery, he shall send to each Minister and Church Session a copy of the Docket of Business, prepared according to the form herein prescribed.

RULE 13.

The Stated Clerk shall keep constantly on hand a supply of all such blanks as may be necessary to make Sessional Reports to the Presbytery and Presbyterial Reports to the General Assembly.

He shall send to each Church Session the necessary printed blanks for all Reports required from them, at least three weeks before the meeting of Presbytery. On these blanks, he shall indicate the amounts expected from each church for those causes that have been apportioned. and also the Presbyterial Assessment.

RULE 14.

He shall cause the Minutes of each meeting of the Presbytery to be published, with such exceptions as a ma-

jority of the Presbytery may direct, as soon as practicable, after the adjournment. When the Minutes are printed in pamphlet form, he shall send a copy of the same to each Minister in the Presbytery, to the Ruling Elders, to the Treasurer and to the "Presbyterial Historical Society" for preservation.

RULE 15.

He shall prepare a list of all injunctions laid upon Ministers, Sessions and Churches, and inform the parties of the same, and the Roll shall be called at the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, to ascertain whether the injunctions have been obeyed.

Any Minister, Session, or Church not obedient, or neglecting to respond, shall give satisfactory reason, or be liable to censure.

RULE 16.

He shall publish a notice of the time and place of the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery, four weeks before the time

of meeting, and he shall have charge of the business of making arrangements with the various transportation companies ,for reduced rates to all who attend the meeting of the Presbytery.

RULE 17.

He shall report the failure to comply with the Standing Rules of the Presbytery, of any who are subject thereto.

RULE 18.

It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to endorse the action of the Presbytery on all papers sent to it, and return them to the proper persons.

RULE 19.

He shall keep on hand a suitable number of copies of the Manual of Presbytery.

RULE 20.

His salary shall be fifty ($50.00) dollars per annum, payable semi-annually [April 15th and October 15th] and in addition his necessary expenses incurred in obeying the injunctions of Presbytery.

Treasurer.

RULE 21.

The Treasurer shall receive and acknowledge all assessments of the Churches for the Presbyterial Fund, also all contributions to the benevolent schemes of the church; and he shall forward the latter to the proper Committees, unless otherwise directed by Presbytery, not later than the 28th day of each month.

RULE 22.

The Presbytery shall raise annually by assessment on the churches, a "Presbyterial Fund." From this Fund the Treasurer shall pay:

(1.) This Presbytery's annual assessment for the Contingent Fund of the General Assembly, $10.00

(2.) Quota of the Presbytery to the Contingent Fund of the Synod. $25.00

(3.) The traveling expenses of the Commissioners to the General Assembly.

(4.) The Contingent Expenses of the Presbytery, such as

Salary of Stated Clerk.

Salary of Treasurer.

Salary of Agent of Home Missions.

Printing of Minutes.

Postage, Office Supplies, &c.

Expenses of the various Agents, Committees and Trustees.

Also for whatever other purposes the Presbytery may order.

RULE 23.

The Treasurer shall write to each delinquent church, and inform it of the amount of its debt, and request early payment.

RULE 24.

At each Spring Meeting, he shall give a complete list of all the churches, which have paid their Presbyterial Assessment, also those who have failed to do so, and another list of those who have failed to meet the Presbyterial appor-

tionments for the different benevolent causes of the church.

RULE 25.

He shall present his books and vouchers for examination at each Spring Meeting of Presbytery, by an Auditing Committee, and a report of the state of the Treasury at every Stated meeting of the Presbytery.

RULE 26.

His shall be twenty-five ($25.00) dollars *per annum.*

SECTION III.

PRESBYTERIAL AGENTS, COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEES.

I. Presbyterial Agents.

RULE 27.

This Presbytery will conduct the in, terests of Education, Home Missions- Foreign Missions, Sabbath Schools, Pub, lication and Colportage, Bible Cause- Sabbath Observance, Colored Evangelistic Work, Manses and Orphans' Home, by Agents, who shall be Corresponding Members of the Assembly's Com-

mittees on their respective causes; and they shall make their reports in writing to the Presbytery—the first, second, fourth, sixth, seventh in the Spring; the third, fifth, eighth, ninth and tenth in Fall.

RULE 28.

These Agents shall endeavor by correspondence with the churches, and in other ways, to awaken deeper interest in the causes committed to their charge.

RULE 29.

These various agents are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer, for an amount sufficient to pay their necessary expenses.

RULE 30.

The Presbyterial Agents and Trustees and the Examining Committees (except the Committee to examine on Experimental religion), shall be elected at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, to serve three years.

1. Agent of Education.

RULE 31.

This Presbytery will conduct the cause of Education by an Agent, who shall act under the General Assembly's plan, and in concert with the Assembly's Committee.

RULE 32.

The Agent shall be charged with the oversight of all unlicensed candidates under the care of the Presbytery. He shall keep himself informed of their deportment, diligence and progress, religious as well as literary—by correspondence with the Professors of the School, College, or Seminary; and by judicious inquiry of Ministers, Elders, or other suitable persons, endeavor to ascertain their profitableness for the Ministry, while engaged in teaching, Mission work, Colportage, or such like occupations, during their intervals of literery study.

He is required also to recommend the continuance of every candidate, who is

a beneficiary, as such, or not, according to his judgment. He shall report annually, at the Spring Meeting, in full, of all this matter of their superintendence, and at the Fall Meeting, shall furnish Presbytery with any needful information.

RULE 33.

All applications for aid by candidates under the care of the Agent of Education, who shall have power to decide the matter in the interim of Presbytery.

2. Agent of Home Missions.

RULE 34.

This Agent shall have under his charge:

1. Sustentation proper, or Home Mission.

2. The Relief of Disabled Ministers, and Families of deceased Ministers.

3. Church Extension and Erection.

4. The nomination of Supplies fo vacant churches, in the proportion of two Sabbaths between the Stated Meetings of Presbytery, from Ministers and Licen-

tiates, giving their whole time to one charge, and one Sabbath each from such as serve two or more churches.

5. Evangelistic Work.

6. The stimulating every Church and Mission Station to systematic and liberal contributions to these several causes.

RULE 35.

All vacant Churches or Missionary fields, and unoccupied Ministers and Licentiates, belonging to this Presbytery, shall promptly report to the Agent, who shall use his utmost endeavors to secure supplies or pastors for the former, and remunerative and useful employment for the latter; and in the interior of Presbytery's meetings, the Agent may sanction arrangements "*pro tempore.*"

RULE 36.

The Agent shall keep a record of the business transacted by him as the Agent of the Presbytery, and shall submit this record to the Presbytery at the regular Spring meetings of Presbytery.

RULE 37

He shall receive twenty-five ($25.00) dollars *per annum*, from the Presbyterial Fund for his services, and all necessary expenses in addition thereto.

RULE 38.

At each Spring Meeting of the Presbytery, a *public* meeting shall be held in the interests of Home Missions, and a collection taken up in its behalf.

3. Agent of Sabbath Schools.

RULE 39.

It shall be the duty of the Agent of Sabbath Schools of this Presbytery, to arrange for the holding of a Sabbath School Teachers' Institute, at least once a year, to which each Sabbath School shall appoint at least one Delegate, and all Ministers, Elders, and Sabbath School Teachers, who will attend, shall also be recognized as Delegates.

RULE 40.

It shall be the duty of the session of each church in the Presbytery, to organ-

ize and maintain at least one Mission Sabbath School within its bounds, if practicable.

4. *Agent of Foreign Missions.*

RULE 41.

It shall be the duty of the Agent of Foreign Missions to secure by correspondence or otherwise, a contribution from every church in the Presbytery, and to stimulate the churches to organized and systematic efforts to increase their gifts to this important cause.

RULE 42.

He shall plan annually a systematic visitation to all the churches within the bounds of the Presbytery, by the brethren of the Presbytery in the interests of Foreign Missions.

RULE 43.

He shall faithfully report to Presbytery once a year, the contributions of the churches to Foreign Missions, and the methods and agencies by which the churches raise their contributions to this cause.

RULE 44.

He shall arrange for a popular meeting in the interest of this cause at the Fall meeting of Presbytery, when a collection shall also be taken up.

5. Agent of Colportage.

RULE 45.

To the Agent of Colportage or Publication shall be referred all applications for Sunday School supplies and church Literature. He shall by all available means emphasize the importance of this cause in church aggressiveness, and seek to stimulate the interest of the people in it, commensurate with its importance.

RULE 46.

He shall have control of all colportage work, the oversight and control of all Presbyterial Colporteurs, and to him they shall render their reports.

RULE 47.

He shall have general oversight of the claims and interests of *The North Carolina Presbyterian*, and shall use all diligence for its circulation.

6. Agent of Colored Evangelization.

RULE 48.

The Agent of Colored Evangelization shall act in correspondence with the Assembly's Committee, in the transaction of the business relating to this work.

RULE 49.

He shall endeavor to stimulate interest among the churches in this cause with special reference to the establishment of Colored Sabbath Schools, the preaching of the Gospel whenever opportunity offers, and also to the collection of funds for the whole work undertaken by our Assembly in this cause.

RULE 50.

He shall endeavor with the aid of the Presbytery, to discover young colored men who may be considered suitable candidates for Tuskaboosa Institute, and to put them in correspondence with the Assembly's Agent.

RULE 51.

He shall make a report at the Fall meeting of Presbytery, covering the

needs of the work, the opportunities for work, and the work already done.

Agent for Orphans' Home.

RULE 52.

It shall be the duty of the Agent for the Orphans' Home to correspond with the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, ascertain its condition and wants, and report to each Fall meeting of Presbytery. To disseminate among the churches by circulars, personal address or otherwise information concerning the Home.

RULE 53.

To secure the appointment of Agents or Committees in each congregation, whose duty it shall be to secure contributions in money or material for the Home, and to correspond and advise with the several pastors, sessions and congregational committees.

RULE 54.

It shall be the duty of the Agents of the remaining causes to be dilligent in endeavoring to arouse and to maintain

an interest in these objects, in whatever manner may commend itself to their judgment, and to report to Presbytery annually what has been attempted, and what has been accomplished.

II. TRUSTEES

1. Of Presbytery.

RULE 55.

Presbytery shall elect a "Board of Trustees of Albemarle Presbytery," which Board shall be composed of three persons, who shall be officers of the Presbyterian church in good and regular standing. They shall hold in trust for the Presbytery all property in church lots, buildings, &c., not otherwise secured, and all legacies which may be devised, and all property otherwise given to the Presbytery in behalf of charitable and other objects under its control.

RULE 56.

This Presbytery shall also elect the number of Trustees to Davidson College, to which it is entitled.

RULE 57.

These Trustees shall report at each Fall meeting of Presbytery, touching the interests committed to their keeping.

III. COMMITTEES.

1. Assessments and Apportionments.

RULE 58.

The Stated Clerk, Treasurer and Agent of Home Missions, shall be a "Permanent Committee on Assessments and Apportionments." It shall be their duty to examine from time to time the schedule of Apportionments, and Assessments to th Presbyterial Fund, to recommend increase or reduction, to fix amounts on new churches, subject always to the approval of Presbytery.

2. Examining Committees.

RULE 59.

1. There shall be five Committees on the Examination of candidates. The first shall be filled by the Moderator of the current session. The whole Presbytery shall be distributed upon the other four Committees, and when Presbytery

is in session, and there are candidates to be examined, the Moderator shall, for the time being, fill all vacancies, and shall appoint at least one Ruling Elder upon each Committee.

2. The Committees shall have assigned to them the following subjects in their order:

First Committee: On Experimental Religion.

The Moderator.

Second Committee: Literary and Scientific course, embracing Ancient and Modern Geography, Grammar, Rhetoric, Mathematics, General History, Physical Sciences, &c.

Revs. F. H. Johnston, D. D., S. H. Isler, E. E. Bigger.

Third Committee: Languages, [Latin, Latin Thesis, Greek or other Critical Exercises. Hebrew].

Revs. A. H. McArn, C. G. Vardell, J. E. L. Winecoff.

Fourth Committee: Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, Church Govern-

ment, and the Sacraments.

Revs. R. Burwell, D. D., J. N. H. Summerell, F. D. Thomas.

Fifth Committee: Mental and Moral Philosophy, Logic, Natural and Revealed Theology.

Revs. W. D. Morton, D. D., Carr Moore, F. H. Johnston, D. D.

3. The Second and Third Committees may conduct their examinations privately and report to Presbytery their recommendations; but the other three Committees shall conduct their examinations in open Presbytery (except upon Mental Philosophy and Logic, which may be in private and reported upon): after which, each member of the Court shall have the privilege of asking questions upon the subject under consideration.

RULE 60.

The Minister of the congregation within whose bounds the Presbytery may meet, shall be required to have in readi-

ness such books as may be necessary for the above examinations.

2. Standing Committees.

RULE 61.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at every Spring meeting of Presbytery:

1. A Committee on Devotional Exercises to arrange for public worship, and other Devotional Exercises appointed by Presbytery.

2. To prepare a narrative for the General Assembly from the written reports of the churches.

3. To examine and report on the Reports of the Sessions on Sessional Duties.

4. To prepare a Report for the General Assembly, and to examine and report on the Reports of Sessions on Systematic Beneficence: (a) noting the omission of any collection ordered by the General Assembly. (b) Examining reasons assigned for the omission, and recommending judgment thereon, approving or disapproving; and the judg-

ments, when adopted by the Presbytery, shall be endorsed by the committee upon the Reports, and returned to the respective churches.

5. To review the sessional Records. For this purpose the roll of the churches shall be divided into two sections, and a committee appointed for each section.

6. To examine the Minutes of Synod, and to report any matters therein, requiring the attention of Presbytery.

7. To audit the Treasurer's Books, and to review the Record of the Agent of Home Missions.

8. On Calls, Supplies and Installations.

At Every Fall Meeting.

1. Committee on Devotional Exercises.
2. On Narative to Synod.
3. On Minutes of the General Assembly.
4. Treasurer's Report and Records of the Agent of Home Missions.
5. Calls, Supplies and Installations.

SECTION IV.

Evangelistic Labor.

RULE 62.

The Evangelist's attention shall be given first to any vacant churches in his field, and then to new and inviting points in destitute parts.

It is recommended that such Evangelists

(a) hold at least once a year protracted services at at his various preaching places, and especially and more frequently, at the more promising points.

(b) That he organize weekly Prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools wherever practicable.

(c) That he acquaing himself thoroughly with the condition and needs of his field, with the persons and families therein; and by his social and Christian intelligence, by the distribution of Bibles and religious books and tracts, by the circulation of church papers and proper doctrinal literature, and by any other judicious means within

his reach, to endeavor to disseminate the knowledge and spread the influence of Scriptural Religion and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(d.) And he shall make a full report in writing of his labors, and the prospects of doing good in his field, to the Presbytery at each Spring Meeting, and a verbal report, covering the same ground, at the fall meeting

RULE 63.

Where ever possible, and especially when laboring by direction of the Agent of Home Missions, in any vacant field, he shall take up a collection for the Home Mission cause, and turn over all such collections to the treasurer of Presbytery.

RULE 64.

Any Mission Church served by an Evangelist, persistently refusing or neglecting to contribute to the Home Mission cause, shall forfeit all claim to the

special benefits which this plan is designed to secure.

RULE 65.

Any vacancy occurring in the Evangelist's office between the meetings of Presbytery, may be temporarily filled by the Agent of Home Missions.

SECTION V.

Pastors and Stated Supplies.

RULE 66.

Presbytery will not constitute the Pastoral relation, or that of Stated Supply, in any of its churches in arrears for ministerial services already rendered, unless satisfactory reasons are given.

RULE 67.

Ministers and churhes have no right to change the conditions of a Call or Supply, approved of Presbytery, without Presbytery's permission, and no such alteration will be recognized by Presbytery.

RULE 68.

This Presbytery asserts and maintains

its authority over the anomalous relation of Stated Supply. It can be formed only by consent of the Presbytery, and it can be continued only by a new application to the Presbytery at the Spring Meeting, or in the interim, it may be formed or continued by the Agent of Home Missions, subject to the endorsement of Presbytery. The relation of Stated Supply shall, in all cases, terminate on the 31st of March each year.

SECTION VI.

Licentiates.

RULE 69.

When a candidate for the Ministry is licensed to preach the Gospel, the Presbytery shall present him with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and the Stated Clerk shall endorse the fact therein.

RULE 70.

All Licentiates under the care of Presbytery, shall be assigned suitable fields of labor, and they are required to be

present at least once a year, and to give an account of their work.

If a Licentiate is necessarily absent from a Stated Meeting, he shall send his reason therefor, and a written report of the manner in which he has been occupied. But if he absent himself without report or excuse for two years from the meetings of Presbytery, his license shall be recalled.

SECTION VII.

Candidates.

RULE 71.

Candidates for the Ministry, applying to be taken under the care of the Presbytery, (except those presenting a certificate of dismission from another Presbytery), shall present satisfactory information in writing from the Pastor and Session of the church of which they are members.

1. As to their reputation in their church for piety, good sense, prudence, and humility.

2. As to any physical infirmities or

excentrici'ies, likely to mar their usefulness as Ministers of Christ.

3. As to their financial condition.

4. As to the willingness of their church to aid especially in their education, if help be required.

RULE 72.

Candidates shall be examined, in open Presbytery by the Moderator, on Experimental Religion, and their motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. This examination shall be full and thorough. At its conclusion, any member shall have the right to ask additional questions.

After being thus examined, the applicants shall retire and the Presbytery shall deliberate and vote upon his reception. This may be in private Session, if desirable.

RULE 73.

During their vacations, candidates shall be encouraged by the Agent of Education to engage in some active Col

portage, or suitable mission, or Sabbath School work.

RULE 74.

All applications for aid shall be made through the Agent of Education. But no candidate shall receive aid, until he has placed himself uuder the care of the Presbytery.

RULE 75.

All candidates shall be under the oversight of the Agent of Education, and shall correspond with him, giving him information as to their studies, work, prospects, and growth in religious life and consecration. They shall write at least twice during the year; i. e., ten days before each Spring and Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

RULE 76.

A copy of the above rules shall be placed by the Agent of Education, in the hands of each candidate under our care.

SECTION VIII.

Church Sessions.

RULE 77.

The Representative who first takes his seat as member, whether Principal or Alternate, shall ordinarily sit in all the adjourned meetings of the court, following the regular Stated Meeting.

In the case of an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery during the Session of the Synod, the Session should specially appoint the Representative Elder in the Synod, to sit also as a member of the Presbytery, unless he be already a member of the Presbytery, by enrollment at its last Stated Meeting.

RULE 78.

The Session shall hold its delegates to a strict accountability for their regular and punctual attendance on the church courts, and shall censure them for a failure, on insufficient grounds, to discharge this duty.

RULE 79.

Each church is required to forward

annually to the Presbytery, at the Spring Meeting, a written narative of the state of Religion in the bounds of the Congregation, which shall be read to the Presbytery, and then placed in the hands of a committee. to prepare a narative for the General Assembly and for Synod.

In this narative shall be embraced the following subjects, with such additional matter as the Session may deem important or proper, to show the spiritual growth or decline of the church, viz:

1. Sabbath Services, and Prayer Meetings, and the usual attendance; and what public worship is held in the church in the absence of the Pastor.

2. Official work and visitation in the congregation by Pastor and Elders.

3. Observance of the Sabbath.

4. Family worship by officers and people.

5. Prevalence of intemperance, worldly amusements, and other forms of sin.

6. Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions, Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools.

7. Conversions to the church by profession of faith.

8. Systematic and regular contributions for the various benevolent schemes of the church as conducted by the General Assembly and the Presbytery, and reasons for any failures to contribute.

9. Religious newspapers taken.

10. Religious instruction of the colored people.

11. If vacant, what efforts and ability to fill the vacancy?

RULE 80.

Each Session is required to report in in writing on blanks furnished, and entitled, "Report on Sessional Duties," annually, at the Spring Meeting, whether,

1. Provision is made for the poor of the church, so that none are dependent on public charity?

2. Representatives are appointed as required in Rule 78?

3. Provision is made for defraying the traveling expenses of Representatives and Ministers to Presbytery and Synod?

4. Presbyterial Assesment and Apportionments, and the minister's stipulated salary, have been paid in full? Amount of any arrears, or any church debt.

RULE 81.

Clerks of Session shall promptly ffll out the blanks sent by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, and after their adoption by the Session, shall *at once* forward them to the Stated Clerk, in time for Presbytery.

RULE 82.

The narative, Sabbath School Report, and Statistical Reports, shall be recorded in the minutes of the Session, and read to the congregation.

RULE 83.

In each case where a church reports a failure to pay punctually its minister the salary promised, the church so failing, shall be summoned to appear by its Representatives or Commissioners, before Presbytery, and show cause for such failure.

RULE 84.

Every church shall transmit *promptly* to the Treasurer of the Presbytery, all monies collected for the benevolent causes, as ordered by the General Assembly and Presbytery, as the Treasurer of Presbytery must forward the various sums to their respective destinations by the twenty-eighth of each month.

RULE 85.

The traveling expenses of Installation Committees shall ordinarily be borne by the church served.

Removal and Dismissions.

RULE 86.

1. Sessions shall give their careful attention to the provisions of the Book of Discipline, Chap. xv, P. 2, 3, 4, representing the transfer of non-resident members, and they shall always report the whole number of resident communicants to the Presbytery, and not merely the number residing at the time in the bounds of the Congregation.

2. Certificates of Dismission to parents, must include the names of all their baptized children removing with them.

3. When parents are received on certificate, the names of all their baptized children, shall be entered on the Roll of Baptized non-communicating members

4. A baptized non-communicant, removing from the bounds of his church, to reside within the bounds of another, shall be furnished by his Session with a certificate of his relationship, and his name shall be transferred accordingly.

5. When a member is r ceived on certificate, the fact of his reception should be reported by the Clerk to the Session dismissing him.

RULE 87.

All appointments to office in the Sabbath School shall be made by the Session, or subject to its approval.

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RULE 88.

The Presbytery recommends that Ses-

sions use the following, or like Docket' or order of business, at each meeting' and that the Moderator call over the items in regular order, viz:

1. Prayer by the Moderator.
2. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.
3. Excuses of absentees from last meeting heard.
4. Unfinished business considered.
5. Are any af our people sick? or needing attention?
6. Are any concerned about their spiritual condition?
7. Any present to be received by examination ot by cettificate?
8. Are any members walking disorderly?
9. Are there any staangers to be visited?
10. What means may we use for extending the cause of Christ?
12. What Elders have made visits. and how many?
13. New Business.

14. Minutes read and corrected.
15. Motion to adjourn adopted.
16. Closing prayer by a member of the Session.

Miscellaneous.

RULE 89.

When a special meeting of Presbytery shall be called, the expenses of a quorum at least, shall be defrayed by the parties in whose interests the meeting was called.

RULE 90.

Whenever a minister of this Presbytery is removed by death, a committee shall be appointed to prepare a sketch of his life and character, which shall, after approval, be recorded in a book of Biographical Sketches, kept for that purpose by the Historian.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

Of Opening the Session,

1 The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the court stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; and on the appearance of a quorum, the session shall be opened with prayer.

2 If a quorum be assembled at the hour appointed, and the Moderator absent, the last Moderator or oldest minister present, shall take the chair without delay.

3. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appomted, any two members shal be competent to adjourn from time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

4. After calling the roll, and marking the absentees, the minutes of the last sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

Of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, and to conduct all business before the court to a speedy and proper result.

6. He is to propose to the court every subject of deliberation that comes before it.

7. He may propose what appears to him the most regular and direct way of bringing any business to issue.

8. He shall always announce the names of members rising to speak, prevent them from

interrupting each other, and require them in speaking, always to address the chair.

9. He shall prevent a speaker from deviating from the subject, and from using personal reflections.

10. He shall silence those who refuse to observe order.

11. He shall prevent members leaving the court without his permission.

12. He shall, when the deliberations are ended, put the question, and call the vote.

13. In all questions he shall give a clear and concise statement of the vote, and the vote being taken, he shall declare how the question is decided.

14. He shall carefully keep notes of the orders of the day, and call them up at the time appointed.

15. He may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the court, without debate, by any two members.

16. If any member consider himself aggrieved by a decision of the Moderator, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the court and the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate.

17. It is his duty to appoint all committees except in those cases in which the court shall decide otherwise.

18. When a vote is taken by ballot, or by yeas and nays, he shall vote with the other members; in other cases, when the court is equally divided, he shall possess the casting

vote. If he be not willing to decide, he shall put the question a second time, and if the court be again equally divided, and he decline to give his vote, the question shall be lost.

19. He may call any member to the chair, to preside temporarily.

Of the Clerk.

20. As soon as possible after the commencement of the first session of every court, the Clerk shall form a complete roll of the members present, and put the same into the hands of the Moderator; and whenever any additional members take their seats, he shall add their names in their proper places to the said roll.

21. He shall immediately file all papers in the order in which they have been read, with proper endorsements, and keep them in perfect order.

Of the Order of Business.

22. After the reading of the minutes of the preceding day, the following order of business shall be observed:

First—The receiving of

a Communication addressed to the body;
b Reports of standing committees;
c Reports of select Committees;
d Resolutions; each of which papers may, be unimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made it shall be docketed

Secondly—The unfinished business in which the court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment, in preference to or-

ders of the day; but such unfinished business may, on motion without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the special order.

Thirdly—As soon as the special order and the unfinished business are disposed of, the business on the docket will be called; but motion to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking, or the court is voting.

Of Motions.

23. A motion must be seconded, and afterwards repeated by the Moderator, or read aloud, before it is debated; but this shall be no bar to explanations of the object of any motion by the mover, provided he does not exceed five minutes; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any member require it.

24. The mover of a resolution is entitled to the floor if he so desire, after the Moderator has stated the question.

Of Withdrawal of Motion.

25. Any member who shall have made a motion shall have liberty to withdraw it with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterwards without the leave of the court.

Of Limitation of Debate.

26. Motions to lay on the table, to docket, to take up business, and to adjourn, and the call for the question, shall be put without de-

bate. On questions of order, or postponement or commitment, no member shall speak more than once. On all other questions, each member may speak twice, but not oftener without express leave of the court.

Of Privileged Questions.

27. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to adjourn, to docket, to lay on the table, to amend, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, or to commit; which several motions shall have precedency in the order in which they are herein arranged; and the motion for adjournment shall always be in order.

Of "the Question"

28. When any member shall call for "*the question*," the Moderator shall, without debate, put the vote, "Is the court ready for the question?" If the call be seconded by a majority of the members present, the vote shall immediately be taken on the pending question, whatever it may be, without further debate.

Of Debate of Question.

29. If a motion under debate contains several parts, any two members may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

Of Amendments.

30. An amendment may be moved on any question, as also an amendment to the amendment, which shall be decided before the original proposition; but two distinct amendments to the pending question shall not be

entertained at the same time, whether moved as substitutes for the whole matter, or as changing any part thereof.

31. One proposition may be substituted for another, when the substitute covers the whole matter of the original, and insert the substitute.

Of Reconsideration.

32. A question shall not be considered at the same session of the court at which it has been decided, unless by the consent of a majority of the members who were present at the decision, and unless the motion to reconsider be made by a person who voted with the majority.

33. A subject which has been indefinitely postponed shall not be again called up during the same sessions of the court, unless by the consent of three-fourths of the members who were present at the decision.

Of Speakers.

34. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member who is the most distant from the Moderator's chair shall speak first.

35 Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Moderator, and shall treat the fellow members, and especially the Moderator, with decorum and respect.

Of Interruptions.

36. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

Of Voting.

37. Members shall not decline voting, unless excused by the court.

38. When various motions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times, the question shall always be first taken on the highest number and the longest time.

39. When the Moderator has commenced taking the vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless there has evidently been a mistake; in which case the mistake shall be rectified and the Moderator shall recommence taking the vote.

40. The yeas and nays on any question shall not be recorded, unless it be required by one-third of the members present; and every member shall vote "yea" or "nay" unless excused by the court. In a judicial case, members thus excused shall not be allowed to vote in any of the subsequent proceedings relating thereto.

41. In all elections it shall require a majority of the votes cast to elect.

Of Committees.

42. The person first named on any committee shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee and preside therein; and in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

Of Private Sessions.

43. All courts have a right to sit in private on business which, in their judgment, ought not to be matter of public speculation.

Of the Committe of the Whole.

44. Every court has a right to resolve itself self into a committee of the whole, or to hold what are commonly called *interlocutory meetings*, in which members will freely converse together without the formalities necessary to their ordinary proceedings. In all such cases the Moderator shall name the member who is to preside as chairman. If the committee is unable to agree, a motion may be made that the committee rise, and upon the adoption of such a motion the Moderator shall resume the chair, and the chairman of the committee shall report what has been done, and ask that the committee be discharged, which being allowed, the matter shall be dropped. If the the committee shall agree upon the report to be made, or have made progress in the same without coming to a conclusion, the committee may rise, report what has been done, and if the case require, may ask leave to sit again; or the committee of the whole may be dissolved, and the question considered by the court in the usual order of business.

Of Decorum.

45. Without express permission, no member of a court, while business is going on, shall engage in private conversation; nor shall

members address one another, nor any person present, but through the Moderator.

46. When more than three members of the court shall be standing at the same time, the Moderetor shall require all to take their seats, the person only excepted who may be speaking.

47. If any member act in any respect in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Moderator, to call him to order.

48. All expressions of approbation or disapprobation, by clapping of hands or stamping, or any audible applause, shall be considered disorderly. (Adopted by Assembly of 1874.)

49. No member shall retire from any court without the leave of the Moderator, or withdraw from it to return without the consent of the Court.

Of Cases Unprovided for.

50. All cases that may arise, not provided for in the foregoing rules, shall be governed by the general principles of parliamentary law.

Of Closing the Session.

51. The Moderator of every court, above the church session, in finally closing its sessions, in addition to prayer, may cause to be sung an appropriate psalm or hymn, and shall pronounce the apostolic benediction.

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